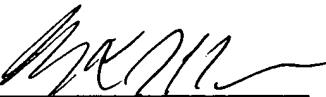


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is hereby requested. Responsive to the outstanding Official Action, Applicant has amended the Specification, Drawings, and Claims in order to respond to all outstanding objections and rejections.

In view of the above, the Claims as now amended, are believed to patentably define over all art of record and, as such, their early allowance is solicited.

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